what the terms of the agreement are that the Government have entered into with the present Pottery Expert regarding the training of apprentices?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— The terms are that the Government Pottery Expert "will train apprentices appointed by the Government in the art and manufacture of Pottery for the term of years specified by the Government and in accordance with the curricula of studies approved by the Government without any extra remuneration".

Amendments to the Legislative Council Regulation, Rules and Standing Orders.

55. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of all the amendments made to the Legislative Council Regulation, the Legislative Council Rules and Standing Orders up-to-date on the table?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— A copy each of the Regulation, Rules and Standing Orders with all amendments noted therein is placed on the Council table.

Subscriptions and donations—1108.

56. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to give a date-war statement of account 'donations and subscriptions' in the year 1108?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—A statement containing the information is appended. *(Vide Appendix V).*

Average annual income of a person in the State.

57. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have any data to show the present average annual income of a person in the State;

(b) whether the said annual income has increased or decreased during the last ten years; if so, how much?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) There is no information.

Villages of Kattur Constituency—Statement of revenue and expenditure.

58. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.— Will the Government place on the table a statement showing the annual

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revenue collected from each of the villages constituting the present Kattur constituency and the expenditure incurred annually on the improvement of each for the last four years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— Separate village-war accounts of revenue and expenditure are not maintained by the Government. It is not, therefore, possible to furnish the required information.

Economic Depression—relieving of.

59. Mr. E. Ikakanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken to relieve the distress caused by the economic depression in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government have taken steps to relieve the economic depression in the State by granting special loans and liberal remissions of land revenue assessment. Considerable reductions in the land tax payable by ryots supplemented by generous remissions of land revenue under the ordinary rules, generous concessions to those who subsist by fisheries in this State, re-payable in easy instalments, the instructions given to the subordinate judiciary by the highest court of this land for a more liberal working of the Provisions of Civil Procedure Code in the way of regulating sales of properties and arrests of the persons of debtors and attempt to keep down high rates of interest by legislation, and liberal concession in commutation rates of dues payable to Government—all these palliatives constitute a record which speaks for itself. Government have been making continuous efforts to relieve agrarian distress in the State and if no outright solution of difficulty has been possible it is because of the difficulty of finding out what exactly the depression is due to.

Loan Department.

60. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what did it cost the Government to run the Loans Department when Mr. C. P. Achyuta Menon was appointed as Special Loan Officer; what was the work done by the Department then;

(2) what is the monthly expenses incurred by the Government to run the present Loans Department, inclusive of salaries of clerks appointed in civil courts to collect statistics for the Department;

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